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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations and suggestions of the report `Livelihood Opportunities for Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) prepared by the Government and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has been included in the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite the enactment of PWD Act, 1995 the same is not being implemented in private sector properly;

(d) whether the Government is contributing towards PWD employee`s EPF and ESI/employers for the first three years as incentive;

(e) whether the companies as well as PWD employees are aware of this facility; and

(f) if so, whether the Government is launching any special campaign to create awareness and provide benefit of incentives to the PWD workers/private employers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) & (b) In the draft Twelfth Five Year Plan document, various Trainings, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship Development and Employment programmes for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs have been proposed.

(c) to (f) A Scheme of Incentives to Employers in the Private Sector for providing Employment to persons with disabilities has been launched, w.e.f. 01.04.2008. Under this Scheme, the Government of India provides the employer's contribution for Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees State Insurance (ESI) for 3 years, for persons with disabilities employees employed in the private sector on or after 01.04.2008, with a monthly salary upto Rs.25,000. Under the scheme, 505 (upto 30-06-2012) and 954 (upto 31-07-2012) persons with disabilities have been covered by Employees Provident Fund Organization and Employees State Insurance Corporation respectively. The Government through EPFO and ESIC launches special campaign to create awareness and provide benefit to Persons with Disabilities workers/employers.